

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method for stacking ~~a disc~~ two discs into a disc stack comprising ~~the step of using at least one index mark associated to the disc;~~  
obtaining each disc comprising an index mark adaptively indicating a rotational position of the respective disc;  
orienting each disc in relation to the respective index mark in a multi-disc servo track writer;  
writing servo information to each of the discs;  
removing the discs from the multi-disc servo track writer; and  
reorienting each disc in relation to the respective index mark to define a preselected offset in the servo information between the discs while stacking the discs to form the disc stack.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~step of using includes detecting at least one index mark on the disc~~ the reorienting step is characterized by a zero offset.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of ~~using~~ orienting ~~step includes~~ comprises rotating the ~~disc~~ discs until the at least one index mark is detected.
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~further comprising the step of rotating the disc to an~~ wherein the reorienting step is characterized by a nonzero offset angle.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~further comprising the step of writing information to the disc~~ wherein the obtaining step is characterized by more than two discs.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by an index mark ~~has an identifying configuration comprising a first mark and a second mark.~~

7. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~4 in~~ 6 wherein the ~~disc includes another associated index mark~~ obtaining step is characterized by first and second marks that are radially disposed.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[7]]~~ 6 wherein the ~~index marks form an identifying pattern~~ obtaining step is characterized by first and second marks that are tangentially disposed.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6 wherein the ~~disc has a magnetic storage capability~~ obtaining step is characterized by an index mark comprising a third mark.

10. (currently amended) ~~A method comprising the steps of:~~  
~~detecting at least one index mark on each of at least two discs;~~  
~~aligning the discs according to the marks; and~~  
~~performing a one of a group consisting of stacking and identifying the aligned discs.~~ The method of claim 1 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by a disc comprising an index mark made by laser etching.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~10 further comprising the step of writing information to the aligned discs~~ 6 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by the first mark and the second mark comprising different sizes.

12. (currently amended) ~~A disc comprising:~~  
~~at least one physical property; and~~  
~~at least one index mark associated to the at least one physical property.~~ The method of claim 9 wherein the obtaining step is characterized by the first mark and at least one of the second mark or third mark comprising different sizes.

13. (currently amended) ~~The disc of claim 12 having at least two index marks~~  
The method of claim 1 wherein the removing step is characterized by operably eliminating the disposition of the discs relative to each other defined in the orienting step.

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